

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

mother country was to receive all the benefits without any drain her resources.

Politically as well as economically the colonies were repeatedly sacrificed to the exigencies of treaty-making in Europe. Socially the *Code Noir* accentuated and crystallized the differences between colonials and natives, although the latter were to be instructed in the Faith, and slaves were recommended to the benevolence of their owners. The inevitable hostility of natives to colonials was taken for granted, so the problem of education, for example, was immensely simplified because it entirely ignored. Complete passivity on the part of the natives was all that was asked of them.

A belief in the virtues of Rousseau's noble savage, and the contemporaneous attacks on economic monopoly by the Physiocrats, broke the ground before the Revolution's radical changes in colonial policy. The wave of nationalism which broke over France at that time neutralized the application of the Revolution's principles about natives' liberties to the colonies, which should logically have brought about

The only possible compromise was to integrate them France to endow them with the rights and responsibilities of The equality and fraternity of all men naturally annihilated of racial superiority and all economic barriers impeding a

"commence brothers.^{3*} The eighteenth-century taste for curbed practice to fit them. This was expressed by the

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